

✨ UPDATED Guide 2026 Can I change my name on a Delta ticket?

Changing your name on a Delta Air Lines ticket is a process that depends entirely on whether you are correcting a simple typo or attempting to transfer the ticket to someone else, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. Delta has strict rules regarding passenger identity, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. These regulations exist to comply with government security standards, ✈️ +1-844-583-2421(US), specifically those enforced by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. In general, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, you can correct minor mistakes on a ticket, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, but you cannot change the ticket to a completely different person, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. Airlines refer to minor fixes as "name corrections," ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, while altering the traveler entirely is a "name change," ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. This comprehensive guide breaks down Delta's policies, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, the processes for different scenarios, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, and how to ensure your ticket matches your official government ID, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. 1. Delta's Core Policy: Correction vs. Transfer Delta Air Lines operates under the contract of carriage, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, which explicitly states that airline tickets are non-transferable, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. This means if you bought a ticket and can no longer travel, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, you cannot simply give or sell that ticket to a friend, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, family member, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, or colleague, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. The name on the ticket must remain that of the original passenger, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. However, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, human errors happen during the booking process, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. You might misspell your last name, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, swap your first and middle names, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, or leave out a letter, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. For these situations, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, Delta allows name corrections, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. A name correction modifies the existing name to match the passenger's legal identification, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. The primary goal is to ensure that the name printed on your boarding pass matches your passport or driver's license exactly, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. If there is a discrepancy, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, security agents at the airport may deny you entry to the gate, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. 2. Minor Name Corrections (Typos & Misspellings) If you notice a minor mistake shortly after booking, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, correcting it is usually straightforward, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. Delta generally defines a minor correction as fixing up to three characters in the name, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. Types of Minor Corrections Allowed: • Misspellings: Fixing small typographical errors like "Jonh" instead of "John," ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421, or "Smithe" instead of "Smith," ✈️ +1-844-583-2421(US). • Inverted Names: Correcting instances where the first name and last name were accidentally reversed in the booking fields, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. • Middle Name Omissions: Adding a missing middle name or middle initial to match your passport, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421. Note that

Delta's system often merges the first and middle names on boarding passes (e.g., "Johnmark"), ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), which is normal and does not require a fix, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

- Prefixes and Suffixes: Adding or correcting tags like Jr., ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), Sr., ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), or III, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). For these minor adjustments, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), Delta typically does not charge a change fee, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). However, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), if the ticket needs to be reissued in a different fare class due to system limitations, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), a difference in fare might apply, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). It is best to call customer service as soon as you spot the error, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

3. Major Name Changes (Legal Changes)

There are circumstances where a person's name changes significantly between the time they buy a ticket and the date of flight, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). These are considered major name changes and are permitted if backed by legal documentation, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Common Scenarios for Legal Name Changes:

1. Marriage: If you booked a flight under your maiden name but your legal ID has updated to your married name, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).
2. Divorce: If you reverted to a previous legal name after a divorce decree, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).
3. Legal Name Update: Any court-ordered name change for personal, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), religious, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), or gender affirmation reasons, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). To process a major legal name change, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), Delta requires valid proof, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). You will need to submit documentation such as a marriage certificate, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), divorce decree, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), or a court order, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Delta's customer support agents or the SkyMiles account team will review these files to update your reservation or your loyalty profile, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

4. Step-by-Step Process to Correct a Name

Depending on how and where you bought your ticket, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), the process to correct a name varies, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Follow these steps to resolve the issue, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

Step 1: Check the 24-Hour Cancellation Window

If you notice the mistake within 24 hours of purchase, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), the easiest option is often to cancel the ticket completely, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Under Delta's risk-free cancellation policy, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), you can cancel any ticket within 24 hours of booking for a full refund, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Once canceled, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), you can simply rebook the flight with the correct spelling, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). This avoids the need to wait on hold for an agent to process a manual correction, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

Step 2: Contact Delta Customer Service

If the 24-hour window has passed, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), you must speak with a representative, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). You cannot perform a name correction yourself through the website or mobile app, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Call Delta's main reservations line or use the message feature on the Delta website, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). Explain clearly that you need a "name correction" to match your legal ID, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), not a name transfer to another person, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

Step 3: Provide Your Booking Details

Have your six-character confirmation code (PNR), ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), ticket number (beginning with 006), ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), and flight details ready, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421). The agent will look up your reservation and determine if the correction can be made instantly, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421).

Step 4: Verify Partner Airline Rules

If your itinerary includes flights operated by Delta's partner airlines, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), such as Air France, ✈️ USA+1-844-5832421), KLM, ✈️ USA

+1-844-583-2421), or Virgin Atlantic, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), the process becomes more complex, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Delta must coordinate with these codeshare partners to ensure the name change syncs across all computer reservation systems, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). This can take extra time, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), so address it days or weeks before your departure, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421).

5. Potential Costs and Fees While Delta generally does not charge a penalty fee to correct a genuine typo, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), financial implications can still occur under certain conditions, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Ticket Type Correction Policy Potential Fee Standard Main Cabin / First Class Allowed for typos and legal updates No correction fee; potential fare difference if ticket reissued Basic Economy Highly restrictive; subject to strict verification Usually requires cancellation within 24 hours or manual review Partner/Codeshare Flights Allowed but requires multi-airline sync May incur processing adjustments based on partner rules If an agent has to reissue your ticket rather than simply adding a note to the reservation, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), the ticketing system checks current inventory, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). If your original seat class is unavailable, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), you might have to pay the difference in ticket price, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). To avoid this, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), ask the agent if they can perform an "OSI" (Other Service Information) text addition to the reservation instead of a full reissue, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), as this keeps your original ticket intact while informing gate agents of the error, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421).

6. Tickets Booked Through Third Parties If you bought your Delta ticket through a third-party website, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), online travel agency (OTA), ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), or traditional travel agent, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), Delta's hands are often tied, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Companies like Expedia, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), Booking.com, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), and Chase Travel control the reservation until it is checked in with the airline, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). In this case, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), you must contact the booking agency first, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). The travel agency will have to process the name correction according to Delta's commercial policy guidelines, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Be aware that while Delta might not charge a fee, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), the travel agency might charge their own administrative fee to change the paperwork, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421).

7. SkyMiles Account Profiles If you are a frequent flyer, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), your name on your ticket is automatically pulled from your SkyMiles account profile, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). If your loyalty account has an incorrect name or outdated legal name, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), every ticket you book while logged in will carry that mistake, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). To change the name permanently on your SkyMiles account, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), you must log into the Delta website, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), navigate to your profile settings, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), and submit a formal Identity Verification form, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). You will upload scanned copies of your legal identification, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), such as a passport or state ID, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Delta's profile management team usually updates these records within a few business days, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421).

8. What Happens if You Don't Fix It? Ignoring a name error on your airline ticket is highly risky, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). The TSA requires that the name on your boarding pass match your physical identity documents exactly, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421). Consequences of Leaving an Error Unfixed: • TSA Checkpoint Rejection: If security agents spot a noticeable difference, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), they can deny you passage through security, ✈️ USA+1-844-583-2421), forcing you

back to the ticket counter, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421). • International Border Delays: On international flights, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), customs and immigration systems run background checks using the Advanced Passenger Information System (APIS), ✈ USA+1-844-5832421). A mismatched name can trigger electronic system flags, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), causing long delays or denied boarding at the gate, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421). • Loss of SkyMiles Credit: If the name on your ticket does not match the name on your frequent flyer account, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), the system will fail to credit the flight miles to your profile, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421). While a missing middle initial rarely causes issues for domestic flights, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), any misspelling of your first or last name should be addressed immediately to ensure a smooth travel day, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421). Take action early, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), have your papers ready, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), and make sure your tickets reflect your true, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421), legal identity, ✈ USA+1-844-5832421).